

## Republic of Guatemala.

The Franco-American has news from Guatemala up to May 24. We translate it as follows:

The pretended plan of Mr. Scott's, which as our readers will recollect, consisted in a sort of compensation for the abandonment of California and New Mexico to the United States, by the annexation to Mexico of Central America, has been taken more seriously there than it deserved. A private letter says:

"This intelligence has considerably alarmed us, by which we understand that the United States' desire of what does not belong to them—the Minister Plenipotentiary, appointed some time since, will deport more promptly than was intended, in order to make appropriate opposition to this plan, &c."

The cause of this panic is what was said in the *Diario de Hacienda*. That journal, in reproducing the plan of Mr. Scott, said out that it had been proposed by the Senator from Louisiana in full Congress. The alarm also spread something on the other hand to the report which attributed to the Government of Washington the design of sending Mr. Scott to Mexico to carry on negotiations for peace. Taking these two things together, they had reason to be alarmed; since then they may have seen that both their fears and the reports on which they were based were groundless.

The Government of Honduras has replied in the most favorable terms to the communication which had been made to it of the decree of March 21. It had expressed the opinion that the declaration of absolute independence, even on the part of Guatemala could only produce evident results.

The President, Carrera, published on the 10th of May, two decrees relative to the Belgian Colony of Santo-Thomas. One of these decrees authorizes the opening of a road for beasts of burden between Santa-Thomé and the River Monterrey, the other accepts the offer, made by the Commissioneer of the Belgian Company, of warehouses to establish a port of entry, according to an act passed by the Legislature Feb. 27, 1847, which declares Santo-Thomas a port of entry, but which has not been executed for want of appropriate buildings. These measures have been taken to facilitate for the colonists of Santo-Thomas the communication with the interior, in the original contract the Belgian Company undertook to open all such communications, but has not had the funds.

Meanwhile, the Belgian Government has taken a warm interest in the affair, and Mr. Edward Blundell has been sent to the spot to advise as to the measures to be taken. Mr. Blundell, after having examined the question, has returned to Belgium with the strongest desire to see the route between Santo-Thomas and Guatemala completely opened. This passing from Santo-Thomas to the river Monterrey, by means of the road spoken of in the President's decree, will be continued by the navigation of the river as far as Guatimal, where a railroad will connect with the Capital of the Republic. These works will be of the greatest importance to the Republic of Guatemala and the Colony of Santo-Thomas.

## From Huayt.

The Franco-American has received papers from Huayt up to July 8. We translate from its columns the following items of news:

M. Levaissier, Consul General of France, embarked on the 20th of June on board the frigate *Theseus*, to return to France. The commandant, M. Larigade, has also gone to France. Until the successor of M. Levaissier arrives, the business of the consulate is entrusted to the Chevalier, M. Régis.

The Senators, Messrs. B. Ardoise and Doba, embarked at Jacmel the 10th of June on the steamer. They go to Europe, as it is said, in the capacity of Haytian Plenipotentiaries to exchange the ratifications of the final Financial Convention with France. M. Villevaleix accompanies them as Secretary. M. Ardoise will come to reside in France as Minister of the Republic.

The same steamer carried out M. David, French Chargé d'affaires at Caracass, who returned home after having visited Santiago de Cuba.

In Chamber, its session of June 28th voted the budget of supplies for 1848. This is the first time that a Haytian Minister has called upon the Legislature to vote the expenses of the Republic. The journals indulge in lively congratulations at this event and reckon the country happy in having at last attained a thorough representative system, after having passed through the most complete anarchy, an omnipotent dictatorship, and the presence of a military and a national representation.

The financial situation of the Republic was still embarrassing, in the session of June 14 the Minister of Finance declared, however, that without the emission of paper money the receipts of the year would, in his opinion, cover the expenses. During three quarterly terms the budget had still public charges without issuing paper.

The same Minister has proposed a new tariff, in which the principle of prohibitive and protective duties is confirmed.

On the 30th of June, the anniversary of the birth of Guerrier, a national festival according to the Constitution of 1846, was splendidly celebrated.

Brig. Gen. Victor Paul, the commandant of Anse-a-Veau, died on the 12th of June.

NEW ENTERPRISE AT NIAGARA FALLS.—Mr. Wood, Editor of the *Albany Evening Journal*, writing from the Falls, says:

"But the grand new feature here is the steamboat 'Maid of the Mist,' that runs three times a day from the Rapids, a mile below the Cataraqt, up that wild, foaming current, to and along the base of the mighty cataract which dashes from the summit 'down below.'

This is a bold and expensive enterprise. The steamer was placed under the Falls yesterday, but without sufficient power to stem the current. This disengaged some of the proprietors. But Mr. John Fink, of Rochester, went to work this season, with indomitable energy, to remove all obstacles, and he has succeeded triumphantly.

They are taken in carriages nearly two miles to the steamer. The road down the bank starts from the point on the American side, which has been fixed upon for a temporary landing-place.

The 'Rapide' and 'Whirlpool,' in the former of which a boat would be torn to pieces preparatory to being swallowed up in the latter, are just below the 'Mist' wharf, this voyage has a narrow margin of safety, and the boat must be under strict control of the pilot, who is to be responsible for it. The pilot is a man of great experience, and the steamer will be converted into a tugboat to tow the boat up the current.

The steamer has two engines so that if one fails the other can be put in gear in a minute and a half. She is found to be a good vessel, and will be more than equal to the task of carrying passengers to the Falls.

We regard this as a concession to the Executive, as well as Congress, will show themselves extremely difficult in relation to peace, and not content to one unless the conclusion of the war is made in every particular at the hands of good men, and the interests of the nation. We regard this as a concession to the Republic and of good omen for the part of the American people.

We do not hear a word of the American officers, priests, and religious leaders, who have been sent to the United States, and as such are the wealth of our nation.

Let us look back at the commercial revolution which has taken place in Trinidad since the dawn of freedom. The signs of commerce are everywhere to be seen, and the people are happy. The great change in their condition has greatly stimulated trade, and the steamship has been a great factor in every part of the internal trade of the colony.

In consequence of the recession of money by the people of the island imports have increased to a most surprising extent, in the course of a few years.

(Translated Spectator.)

MATKINSON AND MEAL.—A BUXOM country girl in Ayshire her last place left Whitton with a merciful determination of putting a man in her way, and to the doubt and sighs of her husband, but having the bump of a large sum of high marked and unscrupulously earned, and, ultimately, she had a week arrived at the dwelling of a civil functionary, in whom she placed implicit reliance, and requested his most particular favor that he would give her advice.

The question she put was, whether markets were likely to rise or fall, and whether she might count on their advantage.

"Alice," said the civil functionary, "the nature of it will be easily settled by looking at the meal at 2d. 3d. The letter to Gen. Taylor, from Gen. Morley, which I have recently sent to you, will tell you all that is necessary.

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